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SUBJECT: CUBAN FISHERY OFF AFRICA

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1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA,
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COMMERCE AND DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES REGIONAL FISHERIES
ATTACHE'S (RFA) REPORTING ON CUBAN FISHING OFF AFRICA.

2. THE RFA HAS CONTACTED ROK FISHING INDUSTRY OFFICIALS
IN LAS PALMAS WHO ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON
THE FLEETS OF CUBA AND OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WHICH
OPERATE OFF AFRICA. RFA IS CONCERNED WITH HOW THE

INFORMATION CAN BE COMMUNICATED IN A TIMELY MANNER (REFTEL). DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE IF EMBASSY COULD CONTACT GROK TO SEE IF THIS INFORMATION COULD BE FORWARDED BY THE ROK CONSUL IN LAS PALMAS.

3. INFORMATION IN REFTEL ON CUBAN FERROCEMENT TRAWLERS OPERATING OFF ANGOLA IS OF GREAT INTEREST. NMFS REPORTS THAT CUBA HAS INCREASED THE CONSTRUCTION OF FERROCEMENT VESSELS FROM 2 VESSELS IN 1970 TO 121 VESSELS IN 1975 AND PLANS TO BUILD AN ADDITIONAL 800 BETWEEN 1976 AND 1980. IT IS BELIEVED THAT MOST FERROCEMENT VESSELS ARE

NOW EMPLOYED IN THE LOBSTER AND SHRIMP FISHERIES. HOWEVER, THEY CAN ALSO BE USED IN HARVESTING FINFISH AND 20 SUCH VESSELS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED BY MEXICO TO TRAIN SNAPPER-GROUPER FISHERMEN.

4. NMFS BELIEVE THAT U.S. AND MEXICAN EXTENDED JURISDICTIONS MAY CAUSE THE CUBANS TO TRANSFER SHRIMP TRAWLERS WHICH HAVE BEEN OPERATING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO TO OTHER GROUNDS. THIS MAY HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE AND MIGHT EXPLAIN THE PRESENCE OF CUBAN TRAWLERS OFF ANGOLA. IF RFA HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THE SUBJECT AGAIN, NMFS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

A) ARE CUBAN TRAWLERS FISHING FOR SHRIMP?

B) ARE THE CUBANS OPERATING UNDER ANGOLAN LICENSES?
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IF SO, WHAT ARE THE TERMS? DO THEY PAY ANY FEES?

C) WHERE IS THE CATCH MARKETED? AT WHAT PRICES?
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